AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE

CHELLAND OF TEXAS OR HIS

DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR D MINUTES:

## Amendment to H.R. 3402, As Reported

Offered by Mr. Cuellar of Texas

Page 23, after line 23, insert the following (and make such technical and conforming changes as may be appropriate):

## SEC. 106. UNITED STATES-MEXICO BORDER VIOLENCE

- 2 TASK FORCE.
- 3 (a) Task Force.—(1) The Attorney General shall
- 4 establish the United States-Mexico Border Violence Task
- 5 Force in Laredo, Texas, to combat drug trafficking, vio-
- 6 lence, and kidnapping along the border between the
- 7 United States and Mexico and to provide expertise to the
- 8 law enforcement and homeland security agencies along the
- 9 border between the United States and Mexico. The Task
- 10 Force shall include personnel from the Bureau of Alcohol,
- 11 Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Immigration and Cus-
- 12 toms Enforcement, the Drug Enforcement Administra-
- 13 tion, Customs and Border Protection, other Federal agen-
- 14 cies (as appropriate), the Texas Department of Public
- 15 Safety, and local law enforcement agencies.
- 16 (2) The Attorney General shall make available funds
- 17 to provide for the ongoing administrative and techno-



| 1  | logical costs to Federal, State, and local law enforcement |
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| 2  | agencies participating in the Task Force.                  |
| 3  | (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There                 |
| 4  | are authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for each    |
| 5  | of the fiscal years 2006 through 2009, for—                |
| 6  | (1) the establishment and operation of the                 |
| 7  | United States-Mexico Border Violence Task Force,           |
| 8  | and  |
| 9  | (2) the investigation, apprehension, and pros-             |
| 10 | ecution of individuals engaged in drug trafficking,        |
| 11 | violence, and kidnapping along the border between          |
| 12 | the United States and Mexico.                              |

